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Editorial

Community Spirit

Like all other towns south of Lethbridge on this line, Raymond has been hard hit by our hit and miss mail service due to poor road conditions.

The roads are in such poor condition that the Greyhound bus has been unable to run and trucks were banned from the roads for a while.

Raymond business and citizens merit better mail service than we are getting. Delay in mail can be costly to most any business in a lot of cases.

We should unite with Cardston and Magrath and other southern Alberta towns in attempting to get a daily train service here that would carry the mail.

At the same time we need an active civic organization to take up the matter, along with pushing a few

of the other things we need so badly. Perhaps a new Board of Trade could be organized to work for the betterment of the community. The present Board of Trade has been, for the past two years, nearly inactive. Since the death of the President of the Board of Trade, John F. Salmon, no move has been made to reorganize or carry out an election.

We the people of Raymond have lost our sense of civic pride and community spirit. We stand out and criticize but balk when asked to serve in public office.

Let's get together and see if a little community spirit and cooperation and willingness to help each other to our objectives as a community will inject a bit of life and zest into our living. Won't somebody start the ball rolling?

We could use the motto "Make Raymond A Better Place in Which to Live" and using that we could

all work together through one organization to that end. We need better mail service. We need natural gas. We are getting a sewer and improved water works. We need a highway linking Courts road with the Welling Road. We need a great many things which an active civic organization with all citizens working together could bring about.

Another organization that is badly needed in Raymond is a Parent Teacher organization or a Home & School association which will bring about better understanding of the problems of teachers and students, students and parents, and teachers and parents.

Recent developments in our High School shows a great need for such an organization in order that our schools might function properly and carry out their function to the proper end.

Did It Ever Happen To You

by R.J. Deachman

The big hotels lose every year tremendous quantities of house furnishings—there are many light fingered men and women in the world. Mr. Bannister from Detroit positively was not one—hence this little exchange between that gentleman and the assistant general manager of The Palmer House, Chicago Ill.

Mr. Harry Bannister,
Radio Station WWJ
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Mr. Bannister:
Upon making the customary room inspection immediately after a guest's departure, our housekeeper advises us that the two brown woolen blankets, replacement value \$8.00 each, were missing from the room you occupied.

May we respectfully ask that when unpacking your luggage, should this article be noted, we will appreciate it if you will return same at once. Guests frequently, we find, in their haste, inadvertently place such items in their effects, and, of course return them when discovered.

Allow us to emphasize our appreciation of your patronage and we trust we may have the distinct pleasure of serving you often in the near future.

Yours very truly,
L. E. Kaffer

Asst. Gen. Mgr.

The Palmer House, Chicago.

MR BANNISTER REPLIES
Dear Mr. Kaffer

I am desolate to learn after reading your very tactful letter that you actually have guests at your hotel who are so absent minded as to check out and include such tokens of your esteem as wool blankets (replacement value \$8.00 each) when replacing the other necktie and soiled shirt.

By the same token, I suppose that passengers on some of our leading railroads are apt to carry off a locomotive or a few hundred feet of rails when disembarking from the choo-choo on reaching their destination. Or a visitor to a big city zoo might conceivably take away an elephant or a rhinoceros, concealing same in a sack of peanuts—after removing the nuts. (replacement value \$0.95)

In this particular case I might be of slight assistance to you in running down the recalcitrant blankets. As I had a lot of luggage with me, I needed all the drawer space you so thoughtfully provided in each room. The blankets in ques-

tion occupied the bottom drawer of the dresser, and I wanted to place some white shirts (replacement value \$3.50 each) in that drawer, so I lifted said blankets and placed them on a chair. Later the maid came in and I handed the blankets "same blankets and same replacement value to her—telling her in a nice gentlemanly way to get them to hell out of here.

If you'll count all the blankets in your esteemed establishment you will find that all are present and accounted for—unless other absent minded guests have been accommodated at your emporium meanwhile. That's the best I can do.

Yours very truly
Harry Bannister.

P.S. Have you counted the elevators lately?

THE SOFT ANSWER
Dear Mr. Bannister.

I wish to thank you for one of the most delightful letters it has been my pleasure to read in my entire business career. It would take a radio executive to compose a letter that would cause Damon Runyon, Mark Hellinger and lots of writers radio might hire to blither with envy.

Yes, Mr. Bannister, we do a lot of counting around here; I've counted the elevators, and they are right where they should be and operating every one of them. What I want to count now is more important to me—I want to continue counting you as a friend of the Palmer House.

You, in your executive capacity, must of necessity be supervising countless counts of so-called "listening audiences" and in "program pools" and all the bothersome promotions annoying countless people in the middle of their dinners, or getting them out of bed on cold nights to answer telephone queries. I shall assume therefore, that you have naturally realized that you were most unfortunately a victim of a machine-like routine that is made necessary by the very vastness of an organization as well operated as the Palmer House.

There are a lot of folk in this merry world that would, as you so naively put it, "carry off locomotives, hundreds of feet of rails, and walk away an elephant or a rhinoceros." Just put a few ash trays, towels, blankets, pillows, glassware and silverware in your public studios and reception rooms and see what happens.

Twenty-five thousand dollars worth of silverware, (actual auditors replacement value) is carried away annually by our "absent-minded" guests. A similar total (in replacement value) is cherished annually by sentimental guests who like our linens as a memento of their visit to the Palmer House. They even go religious on us and take along the Gideon Bibles to the numbers of several thousands yearly. Nothing is sacred it would seem—

And so it goes. We are sorry Mr. Bannister that you were bothered as a result of a maid's mistake. Her lapse of memory started a giant wheel of routine in motion. I am in a way, happy the incident happened, because it gave me a chance to read your letter. It was a swell missive.

As the song goes, and WWJ has no doubt played it countless times, "Let's Call the Whole Thing off". And there's another song you can also use, "Can't We Be Friends".

Very sincerely yours,
L. E. Kaffer

The Palmer House
Who won? I'll say both made a good job of it.

Sugar Beet growers in southern Alberta have just received a payment of \$1. a ton on the 366,000 tons delivered to the factories at Raymond and Picture Butte from the 1947 crop. Payments to date total \$12.50 per ton and two more payments are expected as the sugar is marketed.

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